

# Juvenile Delinquency Blamed on Parents; Stroh Gives Reasons

By POLICE CHIEF JOHN STROH

Law enforcement officers, especially those in the larger cities, are encountering an increasingly difficult problem commonly known as juvenile delinquency. Whether this is a misnomer is a matter of individual opinion. I have talked with many police chiefs and other law-enforcement executives and many believe we are unfair to the child in branding him or her with delinquency when the parents should be blamed.

Since I write this from Torrance, I would like it understood that I am not discussing a situation peculiar to this locality but one I have reason to believe, from many contacts, exists in about the same proportion throughout the United States.

In it we have a police war-time problem which is beyond the power of law enforcement to control. Therefore, it may be possible that police executives will find it necessary to take the lead in bringing together all influences which rightfully should have a part in the solving of the child problem.

Harold Anderson, Kansas City's chief of police, believes the child is not delinquent but reflects in his actions the delinquency of parents in properly training and looking after him.

**Desire for Money Blamed**  
No child can be turned over to a neighbor, a professional nursery attendant or any one else and receive the kind of care that comes from real parental love and affection. Neither can any child be other than severely handicapped when that child becomes a side issue to mother's employment or bridge party.

It is generally conceded that the real cause of juvenile wardness lies in lack of supervision over children by parents. This has been true, as indicated by many studies of juvenile delinquency. But the war has brought another phase of parental failure resulting from the desire of mothers to make money in war industry employment.

Case after case of children virtually abandoned has come to the attention of police in cities where there are large war industries. The father is away in the Army and Navy, or he is in a war plant in some other city. The mother gets a job in a war plant and care of the children is left to the oldest of the brood, herself a mere child.

In some cases, the mother works on one shift, the father or another, and the children have no one to look after them. In other cases, mothers are so busy at voluntary war service of one type or another that they have no time for care of the children.

**Destroys Moral Fibre**  
Nurseries of one kind or another have been advocated for the care of such children but few of them have materialized. Wartime recklessness is one of the causes of the laxity among youth but it should not be tolerated as an excuse for the heedless manner in which they are plunging into indecent activities. Actions of a debased character will not help win the war. They will serve only to retard our victory. The nation must realize that the war will not be won by breaking up the American home to place moth-

## Woman's Club Meeting Set for Next Wednesday

Next Wednesday evening, April 7 at 7:30 o'clock, Torrance Woman's club members and guests will gather at the clubhouse for their regular monthly meeting. Following a business session conducted by Mrs. C. B. Mitchell, president, Mrs. C. E. Ruppel, program chairman, will present Mrs. Charles Christianson of Los Angeles District Federation of Women's Clubs.

Mrs. Christianson will discuss interesting phases of her work in cooperation with war veterans and servicemen. Nominations of officers for the ensuing term will be made and other important business transacted.

### FIFTH BIRTHDAY PARTY ENJOYED

The fifth birthday of Homer Allen Vandegrift was the occasion for a delightful children's party when his mother entertained for him last Saturday. Easter decorations were used for the table where a decorated, candlelight cake and other refreshments were served to the guests.

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### NAVY MOTHERS PLAN CARD PARTY IN LOMITA

Members of the Little Hills Navy Mothers Club will hold a public card party 8 p. m., Friday, April 2, at the Lomita V.F.W. hall, Bridge, 500, pinocle, and boney will be played and refreshments of home-baked apple pie and coffee will be served. Admission will be 35 cents. The Navy Mothers' regular semi-monthly meeting will be held at 1:30 p. m., April 2 at the V.F.W. hall.

### P. E. CHERIO CLUB MEETS TOMORROW

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# SERVICE SHORTS

**FRANCIS W. (FRANNY) DIETLIN**... a seaman 1/c, spent a recent leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Dietlin at 2202 Arlington ave.

**ROBERT EDWARD GREEN**... was born to Sgt. and Mrs. Harry Green March 25, at Hollywood hospital. He weighed 7 lbs., 7 ounces. His father is an instructor in Coast Artillery at the U.C.L.A. campus. Mrs. Ada Green, 22412 South Normandie, is the baby's grandmother.

**DON C. SHAFSTALL**... has recently been promoted to staff sergeant in the Air Corps communications division and for a short time will be stationed at Salt Lake City, Utah.

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**WILLIAM E. (BILL) BUCKLEY**... a seaman 2/c is now at Noumea, New Caledonia. It was learned this week.

**CLIFFORD M. TREZISE**... is now wearing a third-class pilot officer's badges following his graduation from the naval training school for electricians' mates at the University of Minnesota. He is awaiting assignment to duty. He is 19, the son of Mrs. Irma J. Trezise of 2019 Arlington ave.

**ROBERT W. CARLSON**... was promoted this week to the grade of private first class at Keesler Field's (Miss.) B-24-Liberator Bomber - mechanics school. He is the son of Mrs. Esther Carlson of 1916 Plaza del Amo.

**FRANK E. KELLEY**... has been transferred from Buckley Field near Denver to Lewis Field near Hays, Kan., where he is taking pre-flight instruction, according to his parents, who live at 917 Anapola ave.

**JEAN ANN HUDSON**... has completed basic training at the First Women's Army Auxiliary Corps center at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, and has been selected for specialist training in an administrative school.

**DAVID BAUSS**... in a recent telephone call to his other stated that he is on "transit alert detail" at McCarran Field, Las Vegas.

**DAVID WILKES**... son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Wilkes of 2717 West Carson st., is temporarily stationed at Catalina Island.

**WILLIAM NEWTON SLEETH**... who was recently sent to the Arlington Reception Center, was home on leave Tuesday. He has been assigned for training as an air cadet and expects to be transferred soon for basic training.

**CHARLES MCCONVILLE**... a machinist's mate 1/c, in a recent letter to Mrs. McConville here stated that he is serving "somewhere overseas" and is regularly enjoying his copy of The Torrance Herald.

**EDGAR DUMONT**... a private 1/c, returned Monday from Keesler Field, Miss. He has been transferred to Los Angeles for a 15-weeks' course in sheet metal mechanics. He is a son of Mrs. Camille Dumont of 2733 Arlington ave. His wife also lives here at 2731 Arlington ave.

**ALDEN SMITH**... now a private in the Army Air Force, visited friends here and attended the Monday night meeting of the Torrance Kiwanis club last week.

**OSCAR D. BUTTERFIELD, JR.**... is taking an intensive course in radio operating and mechanics at the Scott Field, Ill., Air Force Technical school to fit him for duty as a member of a bomber crew. He is the husband of Mrs. Annad Butterfield and son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar D. Butterfield of this city.

**GIRL SCOUTS TAKE ALL-DAY HIKE**  
Torrance Girl Scout Troop No. 2 was hostess to Redondo Troop No. 1 recently at an all-day outing and hike. Scout ceremonies and the presentation of awards preceded the girls' preparation and service of an outdoor meal. Songs and games arranged by the guests completed the program. Troop 2 members are working for a Home Nursing badge, according to Dorothy Breau and Marilyn Franzen, reporters.

**BRIDGE CLUB MEETS AT MAUPIN HOME**  
Mrs. Ina Mae Maupin was hostess to members of her bridge club when she entertained at her home last Thursday afternoon. An arrangement of roses and margarites centered the luncheon table where covers were placed for eight. Awards for high score at contract were presented to Mrs. Stella Gilkeson and Mrs. Earl Kent, a club guest.

## Moore-Eshbaugh Wedding Held at Baptist Church

Miss Gloria Louise Eshbaugh became the bride of Mr. Lawrence Mac Moore, U.S.N., Sunday afternoon at First Baptist church. Rev. C. M. Northrup officiated in the presence of an intimate group of relatives and friends of the couple. The bride, given in marriage by her father, was lovely in a coral blue suit with navy accessories complemented by a corsage of rose buds.

Miss Joyce Gale of San Francisco, wearing a brown suit and a corsage bouquet of pink and white roses, was the bride's attendant. Kelly Chamberlain, U.S.N., was the bridegroom's best man. A reception followed at the home of the bride's parents, where Mrs. Eshbaugh received her guests in navy crepe and wore an orchid corsage.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Eshbaugh of 1905 Cabrillo ave. She will graduate from Torrance high school with the class of summer '43. Her husband is a former resident of Peoria, Ill. Following a brief honeymoon, Mrs. Moore returned to her parents' home here for the duration.

## BRIDE FETED AT GALA SHOWER

Miss Lucille Anthony, bride-elect of Mr. Robert William Payne, was honored at one of the prettiest parties of the week when Miss Charlene Floyd entertained at a linen shower last Tuesday evening at the home of her sister, Mrs. George Colburn.

Those present were the honoree and her mother, Mrs. Bolling Anthony; her sister, Miss Elizabeth Anthony; Mrs. Richard Colburn, C. A. Floyd, C. E. Youngken, R. E. Roberts, George Colburn and the Misses Antonette Loppin of Redondo Beach; Tillie Harris of South Gate, Jerry Anderson and Betty Floyd.

## JOE'S DAUGHTERS ARE ENTERTAINED

The home of Mrs. Fred Spehger of Portola ave., was the setting for an enjoyable party Tuesday evening when Joe's Daughters were entertained. Banco and table tennis furnished diversion for the girls and refreshments were served. Tomorrow (Friday) evening will be the Joe's Daughters' dancing party at Torrance Woman's Clubhouse.

## HIGH SCHOOL P.T.A. GROUP AT ELECTION

Torrance high school P.T.A. was represented at the annual 10th District April meeting and election of officers held today at Belmont high school, Los Angeles. In the group were Mrs. W. H. Rojo, Jr., president; Mrs. William Jolley, Grover C. Whyte, J. W. Post, Sidney R. Hopkins, Fred Quaggin and Frank Paour.

## SMITH'S DINNER GUESTS AT DOWNEY HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Smith and his brother, Norman Smith, were dinner guests Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred McQuarrie at Downey and later visited their host's new cold rolling plant, the only one of its kind on the west coast.

## DEEMS ARE DINNER HOSTS SATURDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar E. Deems of 911 Portola ave., entertained his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Deems of 1307 Anapola ave., at dinner Saturday evening on the occasion of their 29th wedding anniversary.

## INTEND TO WED

Applications for marriage licenses were made during the past week by:

Charles A. Pryor, 46, and Lola Lesenburg, 35, both of Torrance. Albert Montana, 21, Hermosa Beach, and Margaret Williams, 21, Torrance.

## MATRON HONORED AT SHOWER AFFAIR

Mrs. N. Zupparde was honored at an attractively appointed stork shower last Thursday afternoon when Mrs. Leon Cooper and Mrs. George Robinson entertained. A pink and blue decorative theme was used and arrangements of pink roses decorated the rooms. Games were enjoyed following the presentation of many lovely gifts.

Those present were the honoree and Mrs. Martha Cooper, Beulah Sanders, Velma Kent, Rose Jacono, Yvonne Larson, Marian Smart, Eva Dawson, Marilyn Harris, Ermabelle Benton, Anabelle Holland, Dorothy Jacono, Evelyn Mowsey, Betty Sandstrom, Marjorie Wendall, Florence Celentano, Lucille Zupparde, Rosalie Garner, Dorothy Smith, Ellen Powers, Esther Figueredo, Rosalie Ginter, Elsie Smith and Margaret Carson.

## DALE DEANES MARK ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Deane of Sacramento and formerly of Torrance, were recent guests of their son, and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Deane of Monterey Park. Mrs. Francis Deane is the former Evelyn Colburn. A highlight of the visit was the celebration of the former Torrance residents' 30th wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon when they received many of their friends.

Another son, Bill Deane, a Torrance high school alumnus, is serving as a gunner on a flying fortress at Wendover Field, Utah, where he is a staff sergeant.

## FOURTH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED

The fourth birthday of Michael Rogers last Saturday was a gala event for his friends who were entertained at Torrance city park. Following a treasure hunt, when Tommy Quaggin and Jimmie Watson were prize winners, birthday refreshments were served at a table gay with Easter decorations and a decorated candlelight cake. Those present were the honoree and Tommie Barnes, Anne Blanchard, Charlene Ahlstrom, Joan Neely, Claudia and Timmie Smith, Larry Probert, Tommy Quaggin and Jimmie Watson. Michael was showered with gifts.

## CHURCH GUILD MEETS FRIDAY

The regular business meeting of St. Cecilia's Guild of St. Andrew's Episcopal church will be held at 8 p. m., Friday, April 2. Hostesses will be Mrs. Emma Quaggin and Velora Murphy. Mrs. Bettina Miller, president, requests a large attendance as important business will be transacted.

## HUSSEYS HONORED ON ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Hussey were honored at a dinner given last Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Smith. The occasion was the guests' 19th wedding anniversary.

## Mrs. Paul Holliday Feted at Shower At C.C.M.O. Home

Mrs. Paul C. Holliday, nee Jane Roberts, was honored at an attractively appointed baby shower given last Thursday evening by Mrs. H. E. Appenzeller at her home at C.C.M.O.

Following the presentation of a complete layette, with each item separately wrapped, shower games were enjoyed and refreshments in keeping with the stork theme were served.

Those present were the honoree and Mrs. Helen Lindsey of Long Beach, Lucille De Simoni of Redondo Beach, Aldine Russell of Gardena, Marian Carpenter of Lomita, Merrill Jaunson, Dorothy Colombo, Margaretha Clayton, Helen Tavan, Virginia Scott, Jessie Bauman, Florence Petrovich, Ethel Deroun, Jean Brooks, Lillian Show, Fan Wilkes, Roxie Sletch, Muriel Hannan, Bess Myers, Mary Lou Kelley, Esta Hitchcock, Maxine Smith and Mary Day and the Misses Marjorie Huber and Dorothy Reddington.

## MRS. BARCK GIVEN SHOWER PARTY

Mrs. Norman Barck was honored last Thursday afternoon at a stork shower arranged at the Los Angeles home of Mrs. Edgar Reeve. Games were enjoyed with prizes for high score winners and following the presentation of many lovely gifts refreshments were served.

Those present were the honoree and Mrs. Selma Barck and Carrie Lincoln, the Misses Virginia Barck and Florine Franklin of this city and Mrs. Ann Dobrie, Estella Anderson, Marian Hill, L. Skippy, Violet Lancaster, Edna Deats, Dorothy Bartell, Lois Gustafson, Genevieve Dunlop, Dinch, and the Misses Louise Heit of Los Angeles and Helen Ciements.

## JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB ENTERTAINS

Last Wednesday evening was guest night for Torrance Junior Woman's Club at the clubhouse. Bridge, rummy and 500 furnished diversion for members and guests with Mrs. Don Mitchell, Bob Carson, Ralph Ruffgraf and Cletus McLean as prize winners. An Easter motif was used throughout and refreshments were served at a buffet table, beautiful with flowers and candlelight. Hostesses were Mrs. Gil J. Deroun, C. E. Bishop and P. J. Colombo.

## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED AT CLUB LUNCHEON

Mrs. John T. Gursler's birthday anniversary was the incentive for a club luncheon last Tuesday afternoon when Mrs. John Keefe entertained at her home. An arrangement of ranunculus and camellias was used for the luncheon table where places were set for eight. The ladies spent the afternoon sewing. Those present were the honoree and Mrs. Joseph Zelenka, E. M. Johnston, O. A. Kresce, John Disario, Paul M. Watson and M. J. Beale.

## CATHOLIC CARD PARTY TONIGHT

Hostesses for this week's Catholic ladies' card party are Miss Rosa Ortman and her committee, Mrs. Minlayson, Stapefeld, L. Deroun, S. h a n e r, Schroeder, Chaky, Metzler, Vonderabe and Miss Katherine Ortman. Everyone is invited. The first door prize will be drawn promptly at 8 o'clock and card play will follow immediately. Refreshments will be served.

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Groves (72) B-COMPLEX PKG.....	<b>89c</b>	Miles One-a-Day (30) A & D TABLETS.....	<b>49c</b> Upjohn (100) UNICAPS..... <b>\$3.95</b>
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